Availability of TV channels at airports

825. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one television channel *viz.*, Star TV channel is being shown at all the major airports throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a monopolistic position of the Star TV;

(c) whether it is proposed to level playing fields to other companies also in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India had availed the services of an Advertising Agency on experimental basis for one year to install TV sets free of cost at Delhi and Mumbai Airports on Commercial licence fee payable to AAI. The facility has been appreciated by the passengers and AAI has decided to call for open tenders for installation of TV sets for which eligibility/ selection criteria have been drawn and approved by Commercial Advisory Board. As per the new terms, selected parties shall be bound to display various channels to avoid monopolistic display of one channel.

(c) and (d) In order to have more service providers and to have wider participation, open tenders are being invited at the airports.

Protection of investors' interest

826. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group under Justice M.H. Kania has made some important suggestions with regard to the protection of investors' interest under the SEBI Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Steps taken/proposed to be taken to give effect to the suggestions?